

# IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE DEFENSE FOUNDATION

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to extend my support and thanks to the members of the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF). The NPDF is dedicating this year's Annual Awards Dinner to the many heroes of September 11.

The events of September 11 represent one of the most tragic events in American history. However, in the horror of the moment, many of our bravest set aside all of their conflicting emotions and rose to the occasion. Many risked and sacrificed their lives to save others, and we are grateful for all they achieved.

I would like to extend my congratulations to former NYC Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik for being honored as "Man of the Year" and Dr. Deborah Mandell as "Woman of the Year." Both have given a great deal of themselves and provided invaluable leadership during this time of crisis. Commissioner Kerik is to be commended for his leadership and the support he provided to many in the aftermath of this tragedy. Dr. Mandell should also be commended for spearheading the NPDF's emergency response team that provided critical grief counseling and support services to many of the survivors, family members, and rescue workers.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to:

Chief Robert Caron for receiving the Special Achievement Award

Sgt. John McLaughlin and P.O. William Jimeno for receiving the Profile in Courage Award

P.O. Joseph Zarrelli and Stephanie Matoursek for receiving the Operation Kids Special Achievement Award

All of the men and women of the NYPD, NY/NJ Port Authority Police, U.S. Customs, U.S. Secret Service and the FBI for receiving the Special Unit Citation Award for their efforts on the Great Kills Landfill Task Force.

I am proud to join the NPDF in honoring these individuals and the tireless efforts of all of the men and women who on September 11 and its aftermath have worked to help their fellow Americans. They represent all that is truly great about our nation.●

# CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT

• Mr. DODD. Madam President, today I congratulate the First Baptist Church of Stratford, CT, on its 125th anniversary as a Christian congregation. Reaching this commendable benchmark is testimony to the deep level of faith and social commitment shared by this community throughout its long history.

From its humble origins in 1877 as a small Sunday School for Stratford's growing African American population,

the First Baptist Church has evolved into a vibrant spiritual congregation dedicated to Christian Fellowship and engaged in active social ministry. Since the middle of the 20th century, the congregants of First Baptist have willingly contributed to the advancement and well-being of their surrounding community by building and running a parsonage, establishing a Food Pantry ministry, and creating the First Baptist Church Federal Credit Union. First Baptist has also addressed the need of adequate and affordable housing through the First Baptist Church Development Corporation. Just recently, the Corporation completed construction and sale of its first affordable housing unit.

I am impressed by First Baptist's commitment to Christian discipleship. Under the leadership of Reverend William B. Sutton, III, and former Pastor, Doctor William O. Johnson, it has provided growth and development to both congregants and the surrounding community. In these difficult times, I believe the services rendered by First Baptist serve as a positive example to all religious congregations.

Once again, I congratulate the First Baptist Church of Stratford on its 125th anniversary. I hope that the congregation will keep up its important work and continue to make lasting contributions to the community of Stratford for many generations to come.●

# IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY RICHARDSON, RECIPIENT OF THE EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I rise today to bring to the Senate's attention the exemplary achievements and outstanding service of Nancy Richardson, a resident of Fresno, CA.

Nancy Richardson has worked her whole adult life as a community activist and dedicated advocate for children. It is because of her superb work and commitment to the community that she is being honored with the Excellence in Public Service Award.

Nancy has a long list of achievements in the community. She was a member of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Trustees, served as a coordinator of the Interagency Council, served on the Fresno County Mental Health Board and was the first sworn Court Appointed Special Advocate, CASA, volunteer and now works on the Foster Care Oversight Committee. She is known for her integrity in all matters she undertakes. Her work is endless, and is devoted to helping children.

Nancy Richardson is most deserving of this award and the outpouring of admiration that greets her each day. I am honored to pay tribute to her, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Nancy Richardson much continued success as she continues her dedicated service.●

# MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

# EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

# MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1366. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, California, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building."

H.R. 3925. An act to establish an exchange program between the Federal Government and the private sector in order to promote the development of expertise in information technology management, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 703 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 903), as amended by section 103 of Public Law 103-296, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Social Security Advisory Board to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mrs. Dorcas R. Hardy of Spotsylvania, Virginia.

# MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1366. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, California, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3925. An act to establish an exchange program between the Federal Government and the private sector in order to promote the development of expertise in information technology management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

# EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6440. A communication from the Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 2002; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April